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Applicant: Gray et al.

Title: Surgical Device with Malleable  
Shaft

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant filed a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) to revive the above application on 28 April 2005 ("Petition"). This Petition was denied because Applicant failed to file the required reply, *to wit*, a submission under 37 C.F.R. 114 (Request for Continued Examination). However, a Response after Final was filed with the Petition. In fact, on 6 October 2005 the Patent Office mailed an Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief in response to the Response After Final. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Applicant indeed filed the required reply.

In any event, submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant respectfully requested that the Decision on the Petition be reconsidered and that the above application be revived. Alternatively, applicant requests that the Petition along with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination be considered a renewed Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) to revive the above application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0256. A duplicate copy of this correspondence is enclosed for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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